

# U.S. ECONOMY UPDATE

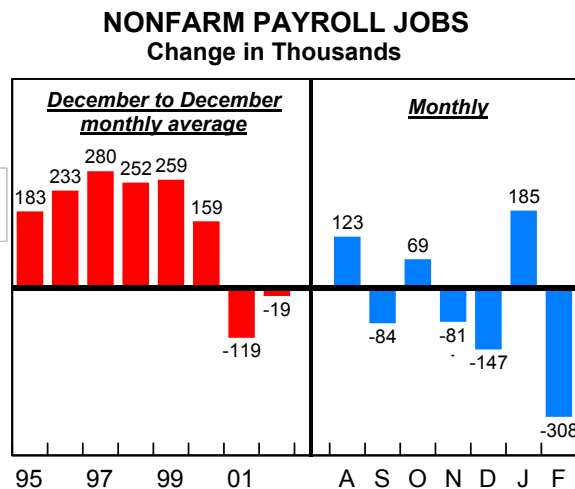
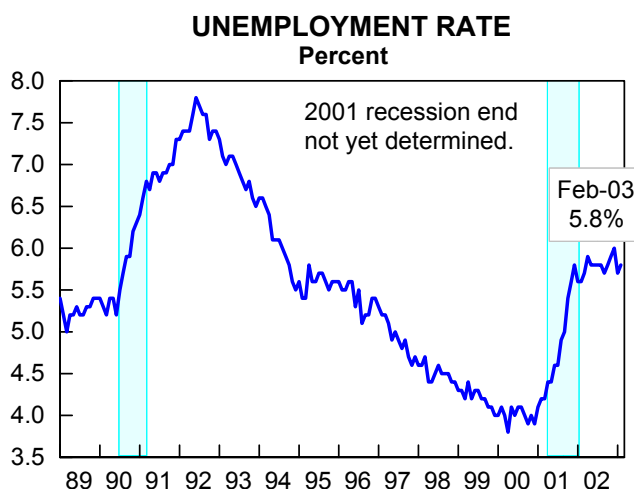
*Employment and Unemployment*

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## FACTS

Labor Market Indicators (employment in thousands)

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan-03	Feb
Employment (nonfarm payrolls)	130,829	130,898	130,817	130,670	130,855	<b>130,547</b>
Change from previous month	-84	69	-81	-147	185	<b>-308</b>
Unemployment rate	5.7	5.8	5.9	6.0	5.7	<b>5.8</b>



## RECENT NEWS

- ▶ Payrolls Plunged 308,000 in February ([Reuters](#))
- ▶ U.S. Jobless Rate Rises ([MSNBC](#))

## DATA LINK

- ▶ [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#)